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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98,

Applicants hereby call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 09-080333, published on March 28, 1997,
discussed on page 2 of the specification, together with an English language translation of the
same;

U.S. Patent No. 5,748,352 to HATTORI, issued on May 5, 1998;

U.S. Patent No. 5,859,720 to ISHIBE, issued on January 12, 1999;

U.S. Patent No. 5,477,554 to YOSHII et al., issued on December 19, 1995;

U.S. Patent No. 5,838,502 to PARK et al., issued on November 17, 1998;

U.S. Patent No. 5,986,993 to YOO et al., issued on November 16, 1999; and

U.S. Patent No. 5,903,536 to LEE et al., issued on May 11, 1999.

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider and cite the above patent documents. A copy of the Japanese patent document is attached and all of the documents have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the U.S. patents are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants also bring to the Examiner's attention the following copending and commonly assigned patent applications:

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/652,033 to TAKEUCHI et al., entitled "Scanning Optical System," filed on September 2, 2003; and


U.S. Patent Application No. 10/663,643 to TAKEUCHI et al., entitled "Scanning Optical System," filed on September 17, 2003.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(iii), copies of the above-mentioned applications are attached hereto. However, the Examiner is also requested to review the file wrapper of these U.S. patent applications at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of record, if any, cited therein.

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Should there be any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

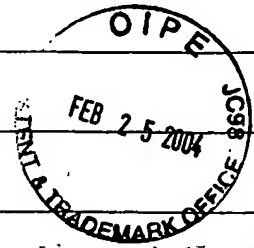
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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